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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In fulfillment of the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-98. It is understood that the information provided herein is solely for the purpose of fulfilling Applicants' obligations under the law and should not be construed as nor is it intended to be an admission of prior art.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2). The information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

A copy of each of the reference along with a substitute 1449 Form is enclosed herewith.

FOREIGN APPLICATIONS



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WO 96/28115	Endoluminal Encapsulated Stent And Methods of Manufacture And Endoluminal Delivery	19 September 1996

Accordingly, in view of the present submission, it is now believed that the present application is in all respects complete, and in condition for examination and favorable consideration.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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